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POPE PIUS X IS DEAD

GRIEF OVER WAR HASTENED END OF PONTIFF

Streets Filled With Populace for
Hours Anxiously Awaiting
Final Summons.

BELOVED BY ONE AND ALL

Pontiff Was Known Throughout
the World as the "Pope of
the Poor."

ROME, Aug. 19.—Pope
Pius X, head of the Roman
Catholic Church since Au-
gust 9, 1903, is dead.

The Pontiff's death, after
only a few days of serious
illness, is believed to have
been due, in a large part, to
grief over the great struggle
into which the powers of
Europe have been drawn. It
is known, however, that His
Holiness had been in delicate
health for several years, and
any unusual mental or physi-
cal activity or stress of emo-
tion had resulted in illness.

The titanic struggle in
Europe has called heavily on
the Pontiff's physical re-
sources, and much of the de-
tail of the war had been kept
from him by orders of his
physicians, in order to min-
imize the strain on the aged
head of the church.

The passing of the beloved
pontiff was announced from
the Vatican within a few
moments after breath left the
weakened body.

For hours preceding the
actual demise the streets
about the Vatican had been
filled with anxious, sorrowing
throngs. At intervals whis-
pered rumors spread through
the city that Pope Pius X had
passed, and that the church
was again without a temporal
head. These earlier rumors,
however, proved to be un-
founded, and until the official
announcement was made to
the world the crowds hoped
against hope.

The city's poor were con-
spicuous among the waiting
ones, for Pius X had been

endearedly called the "Pope
of the poor" because he came
of peasant stock and was un-
til the last a democratic pon-
tiff.

Official confirmation of the
death of the Pope is being
cabled now to every civilized
country of the globe. Where-
ever civilization and Christi-
anity has gone prayers have
ascended for His Holiness,
and advices from the Vatican
have been eagerly awaited.

The messages which now go
from Rome are laden with
sorrow for millions of church-
men, for men and women of
all faiths and creeds.

Although the Vatican has
hopefully sought to reassure
the millions of Catholics in all
parts of the world, the Pope
has been failing for weeks.
Some indication of the ap-
proaching end came when he
curtailed the number of his
audiences at the Vatican and

when physicians ordered that
he devote his energies to only
the most important of his
manifold church duties.

A year ago, it is recalled,
the Pope expressed the fear
that he had but a short time
to live, and his prophecy has
proved true.

The cabled message, "The
Pope is dead," is the call to
Rome of the sorrowing wear-
ers of the red hat, and the
civilized world within the
next few days will await the

announcement of another
temporal head of the great
Catholic Church.

Elections by the Sacred
College of Cardinals are not
frequently forecast, and the
election of Cardinal Sarto,
Pope Pius X, was in itself a
surprise.

It is practically certain,
however, that the successor to
Pope Pius X will not be an
American or one who speaks,
as native, the English lan-
guage. The next Pope is
practically certain to be an

Italian. The American and
English cardinals are general-
ly of only recent appointment
and all reside long distances
from Rome.

Precedence in the Sacred
College is slow of growth,
and it is therefore only men
of years and of long famili-
arity with conditions who
may hope to rule, except in
cases of emergency.

Cardinal De Lai, also a
member of the Curia, or ad-
ministrative body of the
church, is a possibility for the

chair of St. Peter, while Car-
dinal Vannutelli is consid-
ered by many as the logical
choice of the College.

There are several members
of the Sacred College who
undoubtedly will receive
serious consideration when
the conclave begins the
task of electing a new
head of the Church, but the
impression in Rome is that
the next Pope will be an
Italian.

For nine succeeding days
the cardinals in Rome and

those hurrying to the Vatican
will join in tributes to Pope
Pius X, whose death is
mourned wherever religion
has a foothold. On the
tenth day the members of
the Sacred College set them-
selves to the duty of selecting
another head for the church.

Their labors are ended
when it is announced "we
have a Pope," and Catholics
everywhere mingle prayers
for the dead and living ex-
emplars of an institution
which dates back to St. Peter.

